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ECONOMICALLY UNVIABLE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The number of cooperative societies functioning at present in the country alongwith their branches, State and location-wise ;

(b) The number of societies that become economically unviable during the last three years alongwith the reasons therefor ;

(c) The remedial measures taken by the Government to improve the financial condition of these societies ;

(d)Whether some of the cooperative societies have not been audited for a long time ;

(e) If so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(f) The time by which these societies are likely to be audited ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) :As per available information total number of cooperative societies in the country is 5,42,566. A statement indicating state-wise break of these societies is given in annexure.There are about 16,895 branches of State level and District level Cooperative Societies.

(b) : The number of non viable societies in the country is about 1.13 lakhs.The main reasons for these societies becoming non viable are; lack of professionalism, non viable business operations, lack of infrastructural facilities and lack of member participation in the management.

(c) : The Government has approved the package for revival of the Short-term Rural Cooperative Credit Structure involving financial assistance of Rs.13,596 crore. The provision of financial assistance under the package has been linked to reforms in the cooperative sector.

(d) to (f) : The cooperative societies is a State subject and the audit of the cooperative societies is conducted as per the provisions of the Cooperative Societies Acts of the States. The Government has introduced The Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2006 in Lok Sabha which is at present under consideration of the Standing Committees on Agriculture. The Bill addresses inter-alia the timely conduct of Audit by the societies.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Name of States	Total Number of Socieities
1	Andaman & Nicobar-	1387
2	Andhra Pradesh	39716
3	Arunachal Pradesh	196
4	Assam	9422
5	Bihar	29994
6	Chandigarh	1293
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	137
8	Delhi	5086
9	Goa	2045
10	Gujarat	51983
11	Haryana	24676
12	Himachal Pradesh	4153
13	Jammu & Kashmir	3212
14	Karnataka	22429
15	Kerala	17063
16	Madhya Pradesh	25820

17	Maharashtra	137834
18	Manipur	3944
19	Meghalaya	768
20	Mizoram	1338
21	Nagaland	2857
22	Orissa	8913
23	Pondicherry	436
24	Punjab	21944
25	Rajasthan	19252
26	Sikkim	324
27	Tamil Nadu	27785
28	Tripura	1727
29	Uttra Pradesh	36723
30	West Bengal	36374
31	Chhattisgarh	3945
32	Jharkhand	237
33	Uttaranchal	464
34	Lakshdweep	45
35	Daman Diu	44
	Grand Total	5,42,566